

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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Dear Counsel:

On behalf of the entire Bankruptcy Court, please accept my gratitude for your active participation in the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system. I realize that CM/ECF may have imposed radical changes on your Bankruptcy practice. Please understand that these (and many other) changes have occurred in the Judges' Chambers as well.

As we fine tune and improve the system, it is important that you remain aware of changes resulting from upgrades to the program, and modifications based on your suggestions as they are approved by the Court. Although these changes and modifications will be posted in detail on the Court's website ([www.moeb.uscourts.gov](http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov)), I intend to periodically distribute a letter digest of the information that may have immediate value for your practice. The digest will be similar to the form of this letter.

PLEASE NOTE that the Court has directed **mandatory participation** in CM/ECF for Chapter 11 cases in all divisions effective **October 1, 2003**, and for all cases in all divisions effective **November 1, 2003**. The Clerk has been directed to decline to accept for filing, pleadings submitted in paper format after these dates, and to refer counsel to scanning/computer workstations to complete the filing process.

- A change in procedure established in the Local Bankruptcy Rules has been fully implemented under CM/ECF. The Court will no longer set a Show Cause Hearing if a debtor fails to appear at a continued meeting of creditors. The case will be dismissed upon the Trustee's request (filed electronically). See L.B.R. 2003-1 C. for the detailed procedure.
- Based on a suggestion from a case Trustee, the form for the abandonment of property after the conclusion of the § 341 meeting is being improved. The change be fully implemented later this summer, and all Trustees will be provided with specific information as soon as the testing is completed.
- Except for very narrow circumstances, actual copies of exhibits are not to be filed with any motion, pleading, or claim. An Exhibit Summary (Local Form 9) is to be attached to the motion, pleading or claim. Tabbed Exhibit Binders are to be submitted to the Court no later than three (3) days before a hearing. See L.B.R. 9040-1 for a complete explanation of this requirement.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

  
Chief Judge James J. Barta